



"The Best Kept Secret Inside The Beltway!"

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Attention Golfers

Some of the back tee boxes are closed until spring for maintenance.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Where We've Been...

You may have noticed the positive changes at Pinecrest Golf Course. The grounds crew has been hard at work. The effort has certainly paid off. Here is what they accomplished September through October.

The greens were core aerated to extend the grass root systems. All fairways have been seeded. The crew seeded the back tees with bent grass, which has germinated well. The smaller fairway grasses are being converted over to bent grass. The fairways on holes one and four have been elongated by eliminating the rough in front of the forward tee boxes, which was completed to assist shorter hitters. Additionally, the fairways have been re-contoured (which includes widening the approaches) to accommodate the irrigation system and allow the grasses to take advantage of the system's benefits. The pump house, where the irrigation sys-

tem machinery is located, is now driven by its own power line. It is no longer powered by a generator. This improvement will allow for lower costs in energy and fuel. Furthermore, this change will result in less damage to the irrigation pipes by eliminating water hammering (the powering on and off of the irrigation system). Extensive over seeding and lowering the grass height will promote lateral growth of the grasses throughout the course. The hydraulic burns on the second and seventh greens have been seeded and are healing well. All nine greens have been top dressed four times, and the grass height has also been lowered four times, which has allowed for smoother playing surfaces. Moderate seeding around the greens was completed to thicken the surrounds. Patches have been aerated, sliced and seeded at the perimeters of each green to promote the healing of those grasses.

Winter Rates

Begin December 11th

\$12 Everyday

Includes Holidays

Golf Fitness Classes at Pinecrest

Begin January 6

Saturdays at 9:00 AM

For the beginning to advanced golfer who wants a better all-around game through a golf-specific fitness program.

Lower your handicap, **increase** distance and power, and **improve** your swing and consistency with strength, flexibility, balance, posture, stabilization and endurance training.

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...And Where We're Going

Pinecrest Golf Course is looking to change over the next few years. Brian Dunn, the new superintendent, has a challenging two year plan to get the course in pristine shape. The plan is broken up according to priorities and budget allotment. Brian has many hurdles to face but he expects his hard working crew to easily clear the obstacles.

The plan includes the following (in particular order):

- Extensive pruning of trees and brush as well as clearing out dead trees throughout the course
- Clearing creek line as much as possible
- Beautifying panel areas by boxing in hole panels, painting ball washers and trash cans
- Fixing drainage issues throughout the course
- Raising irrigation valve heads to re-move the tripping hazard
- Providing mechanical work on grounds maintenance machinery
- Converting fairways over to bent grass (Note: this will take years to complete)
- Beautify grounds around outdoor composting unit
- Converting forward tee boxes to bent grass

What Brown Does For Us

"Pinecrest loves Snapper and he loves Pinecrest back," a regular once said. Ralph "Snapper" Brown has been playing Pinecrest Golf Course since the 1980s. But he fell in love with the game when he was just a kid. Caddying at Bell Haven Country Club exposed Snapper to the many facets of golf.

He was always athletic, making The All State elite for both high school basketball and baseball. His talents did not go unnoticed as he was scouted to play baseball for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1949. However, his

professional baseball career was cut short due to the draft. Snapper fulfilled his duties serving two years with the US Army. Soon after his return he joined his brother in working with the Fire Fighter and Rescue Squad of the Alexandria Fire Department. Snapper gave the public 25 years of service and is now a lifetime member of the Alexandria Retired Police and Fire Association.

During the early years with the fire department, Mr. Brown found the woman who would soon become Mrs. Brown. They

met doing what they still enjoy, bowling. He and his wife of 50 years have one son, Kenneth, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. His family is very important to him. Snapper is a very proud papa who often boasts about his successful son. But one can not forget that Kenneth had a great mentor and father.

Snapper has enjoyed his retirement with a new job as a Pinecrest Golf Course Marshal. He is always willing to help when we need him. He likes his job so much that he even stops by to marshal on his days off. Most of all, he truly enjoys the people of Pinecrest; the customers and the staff. "I like helping people. I enjoy doing it. And there's a good bunch of people here," he says.

Snapper Brown keeps young by playing golf as often as possible. He enjoys the game's atmosphere of beautiful surroundings and good friends!



Snapper working the Starter booth.

PGC Leagues

PGC is host to both a Men's League and a Women's League. The men meet on Wednesday mornings and often get to together and play other courses as well. The ladies meet on Monday mornings and also enjoy social outings. Are you interested in becoming a part of one of our leagues? Please see a Pro Shop attendant for more exciting details.

Calendar of Events

January 6— Golf Fit Begins
Saturdays at 9:00 AM
Mid March— Winter Rates End

Golf Tip:

A good golf partner is one who is slightly worse than you!



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